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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 2023

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Delete the original Abstract and replace it with the following "Methods of using flt3-ligand to stimulate proliferation of stem or progenitor cells are disclosed. Such methods include its use in cyto-reductive therapy, gene therapy, stem cell mobilization, and in treating AIDS, and various anemias."

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-32, 36, and 42-48 as originally filed and amend the claims as follows.

33. (Amended) An improved [A] method for conducting autologous transplantation in a patient receiving cyto-reductive therapy, the method comprising:
- (a) collecting hematopoietic progenitor or stem cells from the patient prior to cyto-reductive therapy;
 - (b) administering such [the] collected cells to the patient after cyto-reductive therapy; wherein the improvement [method further] comprises at least one of the following steps: